

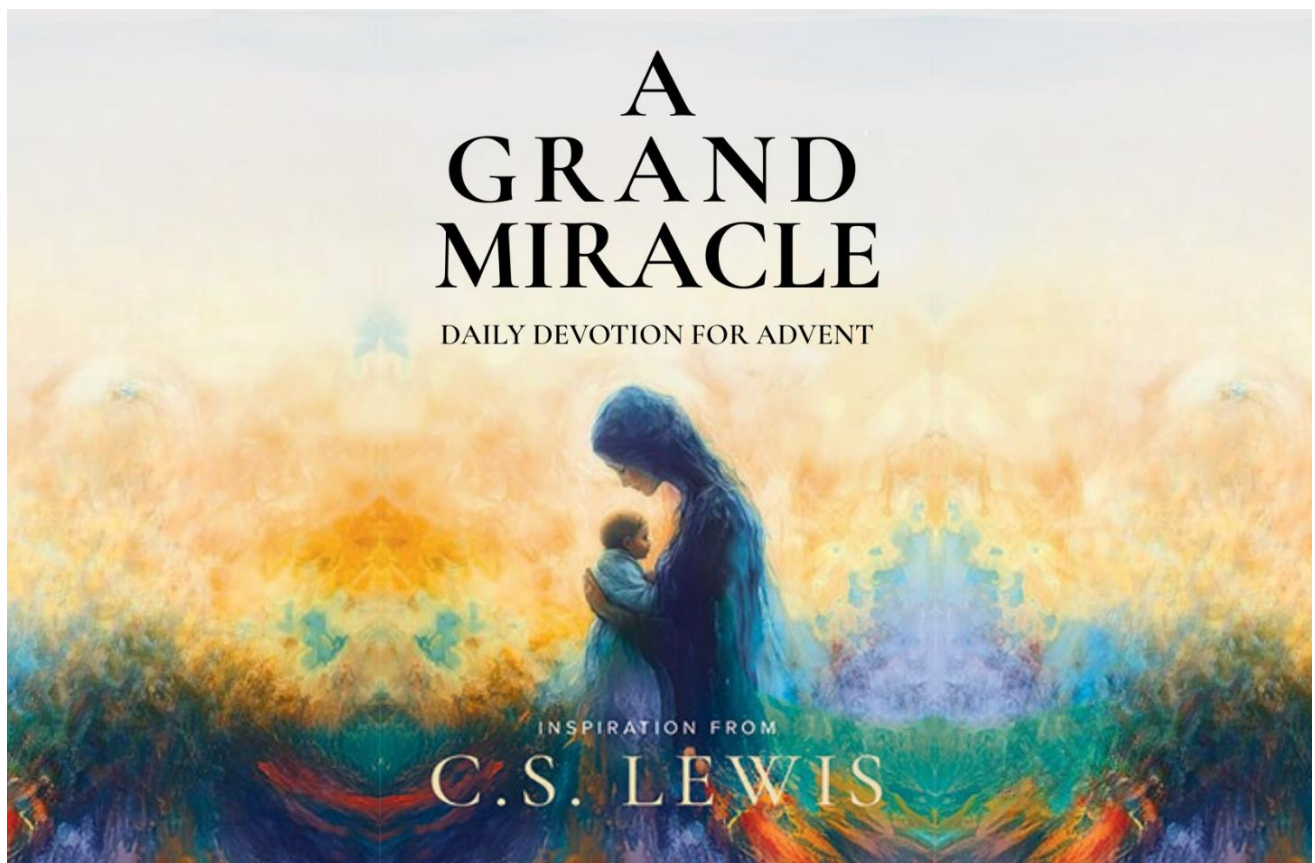


# *Festive*

Planting Faith ~ Nurturing Hope ~ Sharing God's Love

4th Advent Traditional Worship Service

**Sunday, December 21 ~ 10:00am**



Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) \* 909 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
Ministers: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller, Pastor Timothy Lemme, Interim Pastor Greg Johnson  
Visitation Ministers: Pastor Robert Hansen, Maribeth Anderson  
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# **GATHERING**

**Prelude – “O Magnum Mysterium,” Morten Lauridsen**

**Welcome**

**Song of Advent: “What Child Is This?” (Advent 2025)**

**What child is this, who dwells on high,  
Will come an infant sleeping  
Into our homes and souls and hearts  
His presence will be keeping?  
With us, Immanuel,  
We share our spaces with our King;  
Haste, haste, Grand Miracle,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Today, as we light the fourth candle on our evergreen wreath, the candle of Love, we hear these words of peace spoken to us from the prophet Isaiah.

**“For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given...And he will be called...Prince of Peace.”**

**Song of Advent: “What Child Is This?” (Advent 2025)**

**What child is this, soon come to earth,  
With hopes and dreams so sweeping?  
Who comes in flesh yet is divine,  
By birth his promise is keeping?  
God! Man! He is our King,  
He rules the world and everything;  
Haste, haste, Grand Miracle,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

**Scripture Reading - Isaiah 9:1-7**

**+Prayer of the Day**

**“Sing We Noel”** - Luke 2:10 “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.”

**“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”** - Isaiah 9:6 “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**“A Child Is Born”** - Matthew 2:11 “On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

### **Pastoral Reflection**

**“Sing Gloria”** - Psalm 29:11 “May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!”

**“The Shepherd’s Visit”** - Luke 2:20 “The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.”

**“Sing We Noel, Reprise”** - Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace, among those whom he favors!”

### **Baptismal Reflection/KidTalk**

#### **+Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**Hymn of the Day** – ELW, No. 292 “Love Has Come”

#### **+Prayers of Intercession**

## **MEAL**

#### **Offering**

**Offering Music** – “He Shall Feed His Flock from Messiah,” arr. Carol Kumler

#### **Offering Prayer**

# SENDING

## Blessing

God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God our hope for the journey,  
bless and keep you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

**+Sending Hymn** – ELW, No. 300 “The First Noel,” *sts. 1, 2*

## +Sending

Like the angels and shepherds before us,  
we are called to share the Good News of our salvation in Jesus.  
**Let us go forth to share the Good News. Amen**

**Postlude** – “The Echo Carol,” arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

## Worship Team

Preaching Minister: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

Presiding Ministers: Pastor Tim Lemme & Pastor Greg Johnson

Organ: Christopher Larson

Cantor: Our Savior’s Choir & Orchestra

Cantata: “Sing We Noel,” Joel Raney

Media: Dorene Weinstein

Sound: Jake Lemme

**“Sing We Noel,” by Joel Raney**

**Funding for this Cantata is provided by:**

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**Our Savior’s Choir**

Sarah Abbas	Gene LeVasseur	Sue Schrader
Maribeth Anderson	Toni LeVasseur	Gregory Schultz
Mike Binger	Mya Lynk	Ellen Smook
Mikayla Browning	Judy Moller	Tara Stadem
Jeanne Carter	Bob Nelson	Carolyn Thomson
Ed Elkins	Margot Nelson	Don Thompson
Darwin Husby	Julie Oien	Marie Thompson
Marcy Kleese	Janice Petterson	Isabelle Thorson
Edwin Konz	Barbara Roble	Deanna Wehrspann
Christopher Larson	Alexis Rust	Grace Wehrspann
		Joel Wehrspann

**Our Savior’s Orchestra**

Emily Anderson – Flute & Piccolo	Angela Larson – Clarinet
Ashton Clapp – Percussion	Christopher Larson – Piano
Brynlee Hanson – Violin 1	Amanda Maher – Oboe
Richard Header – Double Bass	Drew Ohlendorf – Trombone
Danna Huezo Vargas – Violin 2	Gentry Owen - Percussion
Terry Kenny – Trumpet	Madeline Radtke – Cello
Hope Knedler – F Horn	Jacob Saunders – Viola

## **Announcements 12/21/2025**

Ushers and Communion Servers are needed for the Christmas Eve Worship services. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office.

Dancers needed for the Christmas Eve Candle Dance on December 24<sup>th</sup> at all four services. Open to Grades 5–adult. Rehearsal is Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, after worship at 11:15 am. Participation in all services is encouraged but not required. Contact Grace Wehrspann, [gracewehrspann@gmail.com](mailto:gracewehrspann@gmail.com), or Deanna Wehrspann, [dwehrspann@oslchurch.com](mailto:dwehrspann@oslchurch.com), 605 336-2942 ext. 37

OSL will have four Christmas Eve services: Celebrate Worship at 2:30 pm, Festive Worship at 4:00 pm, Celebrate Worship at 5:30 pm, and Festive Worship at 7:00 pm. Our Savior's Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

There will be **one** Sunday worship service on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Celebrate Center.

If you will be alone on Christmas Eve, we invite you to join us for a special meal, there's a place for you at our table. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office if you plan on attending supper from 5pm-6pm in the Friendship Room. Suggested donation of \$7.

We are happy to welcome back Phyllis Arends as the speaker for Friendship Club on January 6th at 11am. Phyllis is a longtime advocate for people whose lives are touched by mental illness. She brings a message of understanding and hope to those who are on this journey to mental wellness. Join us for a meal following, with a suggested donation of \$6.

Beyond the Books: A Literary Celebration is back and better than ever! Join us April 24–25, 2026 for an unforgettable weekend of stories, inspiration, and community. Featuring four authors: Allen Eskens, Lorna Landvik, Stu Whitney & Paul LaRoche.

We all go through times in our life when we could benefit from a little care and attention, that is where a Stephen Minister can be a help. Stephen Ministers are members of OSL who have been trained to provide confidential, Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life. Contact Pr. Tim to be matched with a Stephen Minister.